



## **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

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## **EXPANDED SERVICES GOAL OF STORMWATER PLAN**

The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) commissioners approved the 2002 Lake County Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan. The Plan reflects a desire by the Commissioners to continue to seek alternative funding, such as grants, in order to offer expanded services over the next ten years.

“Our goal is not to expand our regulatory authority or any other authority, but to prioritize in order to expand on our current services,” said Steve Mountsier, SMC Chairman.

The Commission’s planned expanded services include flood hazard mitigation, watershed planning, and rain stream gage network enhancements. Commissioners concurred that many residents don’t realize the services SMC offers which include technical assistance on flooding and drainage issues, even some limited cost-share funds to mitigate such problems. The Plan includes sufficient details on current and planned services to guide the development of annual work programs.

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“Our budget will likely remain at status quo over the next several years but since 1991, we’ve leveraged millions of dollars in projects and cost-share grants to substantially help fund our services and our projects, and we’ll continue to do that. For the taxpayer, I’d say they’re getting a great value,” Mountsier said.

This year alone, SMC has received over \$2 million in grants and cost-share funding that added to its \$2.3 million budget. The Plan will be available on SMC’s website when adopted in December.

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### **AGENCY OVERVIEW**

Twelve commissioners – 6 mayors/village presidents and 6 County Board members – govern SMC. A staff of 18 carries out Day to day activities. Key areas of SMC’s countywide program include implementation and monitoring of the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance, watershed management planning and plan implementation, flood hazard mitigation, natural drainage system maintenance, rain gage network m&o, natural resource protection, and public education and outreach. The agency’s FY’02 budget is \$2.3 million and is based on property tax income.